

CONFIDENTIAL

February 11, 1959

MEMORANDUM

GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF IMPLEMENTATION

EXISTING UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY

The staff committee chaired by the Commerce Department will:

1. Prepare an analysis of the trade between the United States and the Soviet bloc countries with the exception of Poland for the purpose of determining the impact of United States and Cocom trade controls on such trade.
2. As a corollary to (1) above, analyze the effectiveness of United States unilateral controls in the light of current United States economic defense policy.
3. Analyze and present for policy consideration the trends within CoCom in support of economic defense.
 - a. Is support for economic defense as presently limited by the Cocom list strong enough to maintain the status quo or is there a prospect for further weakening?
 - b. Are the present Cocom controls adequate to achieve a substantial impact on the military potential of the Soviet Union (Defense Department's judgment seemed to be to the contrary)?
4. Finally, this task group should present for consideration conclusions as to the implementation of current NSC policy in achieving the current policy's stated objectives.

DOC Exempt Letter In ERU File

FEB 11 5 34 PM '59

0 8 8

CONFIDENTIAL